



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced a variety of weather conditions last week. Most notably, the Northeastern part of the State was hit with tornados and hail that damaged crops and even livestock in the area. The rest of the State enjoyed some much needed moisture, but amounts are still well below average for this time of year. Warmer than average temperatures helped to advance emerging crops that continue behind last year and the 5-year average. Producers were allowed 5.9 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 26 | 44 | 28 | 2 |
| Last Week | 27 | 43 | 29 | 1 |
| Last Year | 2 | 13 | 79 | 6 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 23 | 47 | 28 | 2 |
| Last Week | 25 | 46 | 28 | 1 |
| Last Year | 3 | 19 | 74 | 4 |

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 97 percent jointed and 41 percent headed this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 89 percent emerged and in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 89 percent planted, 67 percent emerged, and in mostly good to fair condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop was 92 percent planted and 48 percent emerged last week. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 99 percent planted with the crop rated in good condition. Summer potatoes were 70 percent planted and 35 percent emerged. The fall potato crop was 89 percent planted and 5 percent emerged. Sorghum was 19 percent planted by week's end. Sugarbeets were 98 percent planted and 43 percent up to stand with the crop in good condition. Farmers had 21 percent of the sunflowers planted.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 25, 2008

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 18 | 30 | 35 | 16 | 1 |
| Last Year | 2 | 5 | 18 | 51 | 24 |
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 2 | 8 | 28 | 39 | 23 |
| Last Year | 1 | 5 | 26 | 42 | 26 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 2 | 10 | 32 | 35 | 21 |
| Last Year | 1 | 5 | 26 | 43 | 25 |

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado continue to be rated in mostly fair to poor condition. First cutting alfalfa was 14 complete with the crop in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Ninety-nine percent of cows have calved since January 1st and 99 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated at average. Stored feed supplies are slightly above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 25, 2008

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2008 | 20 | 29 | 37 | 13 | 1 |
| Prev. Year – 2007 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 54 | 15 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 10 | 22 | 35 | 28 | 5 |

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

| | 2008 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|
| Cows Calved since Jan 1 | 99 | 99 |
| Ewes Lambled since Jan 1 | 99 | 100 |

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Development Ratings for Week Ending May 25, 2008

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Jointed | 97 | 89 | 99 | 98 |
| Headed | 41 | 26 | 58 | 65 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Emerged | 89 | 78 | 96 | 86 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Planted | 89 | 77 | 99 | 97 |
| Emerged | 67 | 50 | 82 | 72 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 92 | 82 | 92 | 90 |
| Emerged | 48 | 28 | 48 | 51 |
| Dry Onions | | | | |
| Planted | 99 | 94 | 100 | 100 |
| Summer Potatoes | | | | |
| Planted | 70 | 55 | 81 | 81 |
| Emerged | 35 | 14 | 40 | 49 |
| Fall Potatoes | | | | |
| Planted | 89 | 67 | 86 | 83 |
| Emerged | 5 | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Planted | 98 | 92 | 100 | 100 |
| Up to Stand | 43 | 20 | 62 | 66 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 19 | 10 | 27 | 1 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted | 21 | 14 | 26 | 16 |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st Cutting | 14 | 9 | 17 | 17 |

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Spring Barley | 2 | 8 | 28 | 39 | 23 |
| Winter Wheat | 18 | 30 | 35 | 16 | 1 |
| Spring Wheat | 2 | 10 | 32 | 35 | 21 |
| Corn | 1 | 7 | 24 | 53 | 15 |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 5 | 33 | 44 | 17 |
| Dry Onions | 0 | 3 | 29 | 53 | 15 |
| Sugarbeets | 1 | 5 | 32 | 53 | 9 |
| Livestock | 0 | 7 | 35 | 48 | 10 |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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